

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A facsimile apparatus, comprising:

at least one communications mechanism configured to transmit and receive facsimile image data through a specific facsimile procedure;

a printing mechanism configured to have a plurality of print colors;

a plurality of sheet trays configured to store respective types of transfer sheets;

a memory configured to store a first data table representing a relationship between said plurality of print colors, said plurality of sheet trays, and said at least one communications mechanism;

a transfer sheet selection mechanism configured to select a type of transfer sheet; and

a processor configured to select one of said respective types of transfer sheets from a respective sheet tray and one of said plurality of print colors in accordance with data stored in said first data table when one of said at least one communications mechanism receives facsimile image data and to instruct said printing mechanism to print said received facsimile image data using said one of said plurality of print colors selected by said processor based on the at least one communications mechanism and corresponding specific facsimile procedure used to receive the facsimile image data.

Claim 2 (Previously Presented): The facsimile apparatus as defined in Claim 1, wherein said processor is further configured to select one of said plurality of print colors in accordance with data stored in said first data table on a basis of the at least one communications mechanism used to receive said facsimile image data.

Claim 3 (Original): The facsimile apparatus as defined in Claim 1, wherein said memory further stores a second data table representing a relationship between said plurality of print colors and identification information for identifying a sender of facsimile image data, said identification information being included in said received facsimile image data, and said processor is further configured to select one of said plurality of print colors in accordance with data stored in said second data table on a basis of said identification information.

Claim 4 (Original): The facsimile apparatus as defined in Claim 1, wherein said at least one communications mechanism is configured to transmit and receive said facsimile image data through at least one of G3 and G4 facsimile procedures.

Claim 5 (Original): The facsimile apparatus as defined in Claim 3, wherein said identification information is selected from the group consisting of: a transmitter terminal identification, a called station identification, and a remote terminal identifier, included in a header of said received facsimile image data.

Claim 6 (Original): The facsimile apparatus as defined in Claim 1, wherein said memory further stores a second data table representing a relationship among said plurality of print colors, said type of transfer sheet, and said at least one communications mechanism, and said processor is further configured to select one of said plurality of print colors and said type of transfer sheet in accordance with data stored in said second data table.

Claim 7 (Previously Presented): The facsimile apparatus as defined in Claim 6, wherein said processor is further configured to select one of said plurality of print colors and

said type of transfer sheet in accordance with data stored in said second data table on a basis of the at least one communications mechanism used to receive said facsimile image data.

Claim 8 (Original): The facsimile apparatus as defined in Claim 6, wherein said memory further stores a third data table representing a relationship between said plurality of print colors, said type of transfer sheet, and identification information for identifying a sender of facsimile image data, said identification information being included in said received facsimile image data, and said processor is further configured to select one of said plurality of print colors and said type of transfer sheet in accordance with data stored in said third data table on a basis of said identification information.

Claim 9 (Original): The facsimile apparatus as defined in Claim 6, wherein said transfer sheet selection mechanism is further configured to select one of transfer sheet trays, said memory stores a third data table representing a relationship among said plurality of print colors, said one of transfer sheet trays, and said at least one communications mechanism, and said processor is further configured to select one of said plurality of print colors and said one of transfer sheet trays in accordance with data stored in said third data table.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): A facsimile apparatus, comprising:  
at least one communications means for transmitting and receiving facsimile image data through a specific facsimile procedure;  
printing means for reproducing an image in one of a plurality of print colors;  
a plurality of storing means for storing respective types of transfer sheets;

memory means for storing a first data table representing a relationship between said plurality of print colors, said plurality of storing means, and said at least one communications means;

transfer sheet selection means for selecting a type of transfer sheet; and

processing means for selecting one of said respective types of transfer sheets from a respective storing means and one of said plurality of print colors in accordance with data stored in said first data table when one of said at least one communications means receives facsimile image data and instructs said printing means to print said received facsimile image data using said one of said plurality of print colors selected by said processing means based on the at least one communications means and corresponding specific facsimile procedure used to receive the facsimile image data.

Claim 11 (Previously Presented): The facsimile apparatus as defined in Claim 10, wherein said processing means further selects one of said plurality of print colors in accordance with data stored in said first data table on a basis of the at least one communications means used to receive said facsimile image data.

Claim 12 (Original): The facsimile apparatus as defined in Claim 10, wherein said memory means further stores a second data table representing a relationship between said plurality of print colors and identification information for identifying a sender of facsimile image data, said identification information being included in said received facsimile image data, and said processing means further selects one of said plurality of print colors in accordance with data stored in said second data table on a basis of said identification information.

Claim 13 (Original): The facsimile apparatus as defined in Claim 10, wherein said at least one communications means transmits and receives said facsimile image data through at least one of G3 and G4 facsimile procedures.

Claim 14 (Original): The facsimile apparatus as defined in Claim 12, wherein said identification information is selected from the group consisting of: a transmitter terminal identification, a called station identification, and a remote terminal identifier, included in a header of said received facsimile image data.

Claim 15 (Original): The facsimile apparatus as defined in Claim 10, wherein said memory means further stores a second data table representing a relationship among said plurality of print colors, said type of transfer sheet, and said at least one communications means, and said processing means further selects one of said plurality of print colors and said type of transfer sheet in accordance with data stored in said second data table.

Claim 16 (Previously Presented): The facsimile apparatus as defined in Claim 15, wherein said processing means further selects one of said plurality of print colors and said type of transfer sheet in accordance with data stored in said second data table on a basis of the at least one communications means used when receiving said facsimile image data.

Claim 17 (Original): The facsimile apparatus as defined in Claim 15, wherein said memory means further stores a third data table representing a relationship between said plurality of print colors, said type of transfer sheet, and identification information for identifying a sender of facsimile image data, said identification information being included in said received facsimile image data, and said processing means further selects one of said

plurality of print colors and said type of transfer sheet in accordance with data stored in said third data table on a basis of said identification information.

Claim 18 (Original): The facsimile apparatus as defined in Claim 15, wherein said transfer sheet selection means further selects one of transfer sheet trays, said memory means stores a third data table representing a relationship among said plurality of print colors, said one of transfer sheet trays, and said at least one communications means, and said processing means further selects one of said plurality of print colors and said one of transfer sheet trays in accordance with data stored in said third data table.

Claim 19 (Currently Amended): A method of sorting output transfer sheets from a plurality of sheet trays configured to store respective types of transfer sheets in a facsimile apparatus, comprising:

storing a first data table representing a relationship between a plurality of print colors, said plurality of sheet trays, and at least one communications procedure;

selecting one of said respective types of transfer sheets from a respective sheet tray and one of said plurality of print colors in accordance with data stored in said first data table when said facsimile apparatus receives facsimile image data through one of said at least one communications procedure; and

printing said received facsimile image data onto one of said types of transfer sheets and in said one of said plurality of print colors selected in said selecting based on the facsimile apparatus and corresponding specific communications procedure used to receive the facsimile image data.

Claim 20 (Previously Presented): The method as defined in Claim 19, wherein said selecting further selects one of said plurality of print colors in accordance with data stored in said first data table on a basis of said communications procedure used to receive said facsimile image data.

Claim 21 (Previously Presented): The method as defined in Claim 19, wherein said storing further stores a second data table representing a relationship between said plurality of print colors and identification information for identifying a sender of facsimile image data, said identification information being included in said received facsimile image data, and said selecting further selects one of said plurality of print colors in accordance with data stored in said second data table on a basis of said identification information.

Claim 22 (Original): The method as defined in Claim 19, wherein said at least one communications procedure is at least one of G3 and G4 facsimile procedures.

Claim 23 (Original): The method as defined in Claim 21, wherein said identification information is selected from the group consisting of: a transmitter terminal identification, a called station identification, and a remote terminal identifier, included in a header of said received facsimile image data.

Claim 24 (Previously Presented): The method as defined in Claim 19, wherein said storing further stores a second data table representing a relationship among said plurality of print colors, a type of transfer sheet, and said at least one communications procedure, said selecting further selects one of said plurality of print colors and said type of transfer sheet in accordance with data stored in said second data table, and said printing prints said received

facsimile image data in said one of said plurality of print colors and on said type of transfer sheet both selected in said selecting.

Claim 25 (Previously Presented): The method as defined in Claim 24, wherein said selecting further selects one of said plurality of print colors and said type of transfer sheet in accordance with data stored in said second data table on a basis of said communications procedure used to receive said facsimile image data.

Claim 26 (Previously Presented): The method as defined in Claim 24, wherein said storing further stores a third data table representing a relationship between said plurality of print colors, said type of transfer sheet, and identification information for identifying a sender of facsimile image data, said identification information being included in said received facsimile image data, and said selecting further selects one of said plurality of print colors and said type of transfer sheet in accordance with data stored in said third data table on a basis of said identification information.

Claim 27 (Previously Presented): The method as defined in Claim 24, said method further comprising:

switching between a plurality of transfer sheet trays, wherein said storing stores a third data table representing a relationship among said plurality of print colors, said plurality of transfer sheet trays, and said at least one communications procedure; and

said selecting further selects one of said plurality of print colors and one of said plurality of transfer sheet trays in accordance with data stored in said third data table.